

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT
MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Attachment 3.1-3D

State of Colorado

METHODS OF PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION

If transportation to medically necessary services provided by Colorado Title XIX is not available without charge, then it will be provided. Payment will be made for the least expensive means suitable to the recipient's condition. The distance to be traveled, transportation and treatment facilities available, and the physical condition and welfare of the client will all determine the type of transportation service authorized.

- A. Both land and air ambulance services which include emergency and non-emergency travel are benefits only if a less expensive form of transportation is not feasible as described above. Certification of medical necessity by the attending physician is required for emergency care. Prior authorization by the State is required for non-emergency care.
- B. Benefit for non-emergency transportation not covered in A above is provided through the county department of social services. The least expensive method is to be used which can include common carrier (bus, train, plane), private vehicle, taxi cab, etc. The mode of transportation depends upon the condition of the patient, distance traveled, etc. as listed above. Transportation arrangements must be prior authorized by the county or in the case of EPSDT services, by the EPSDT outreach worker.

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